

Amendments to Specification

On page 14, line 18, please amend the paragraph beginning with "The flap elastic members 53" as follows:

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The flap elastic members 53, the waist elastic members 54 and 56, and the leg elastic members 58 can be formed of any suitable elastic material. As is well known to those skilled in the art, suitable elastic materials include sheets, strands or ribbons of natural rubber, synthetic rubber, or thermoplastic elastomeric polymers. The elastic materials can be stretched and adhered to a substrate, adhered to a gathered substrate, or adhered to a substrate and then elasticized or shrunk, for example with the application of heat; such that elastic constrictive forces are imparted to the substrate. In one particular embodiment, for example, the leg elastic members 58 comprise a plurality of dry-spun coalesced multifilament spandex elastomeric threads sold under the trade name LYCRA[®] and available from E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware U.S.A.

On page 18, line 22, please amend the paragraph that begins "A suitable liquid permeable bodyside liner 42" as follows:

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A suitable liquid permeable bodyside liner 42 is a nonwoven bicomponent web having a basis weight of about 27 gsm. The nonwoven bicomponent can be a spunbond bicomponent web, or a bonded carded bicomponent web. Suitable bicomponent staple fibers include a polyethylene/polypropylene bicomponent fiber available from ~~CHISSO~~ Chisso Corporation, Osaka, Japan. In this particular bicomponent fiber, the polypropylene forms the core

and the polyethylene forms the sheath of the fiber. Other fiber orientations are possible, such as multi-lobe, side-by-side, end-to-end, or the like.

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